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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden: draft decision

Consideration of the request for the revision of article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The General Assembly,

Aware that the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden have made a written request 1/ for the revision of article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 2/ by deleting the words "normally meet for a period of not more than two weeks annually in order" and replacing them by the words "meet annually for a period necessary", and having noted that article 26 of the Convention stipulates that the General Assembly shall decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such a request, decides:

(a) To request the States parties to the Convention to consider the proposed revision at a meeting to be convened in 1995;

(b) To request the meeting of States parties to limit the scope of any revision of the Convention to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

1/ A/C.3/49/26.

2/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Philippines and Russian Federation: draft resolution

Violence against women migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women,

Reaffirming the principles set forth in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979,

Stressing that the promotion of the human rights of women constitutes an integral part of the human rights activities of the United Nations, as reaffirmed in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 1/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights,

Welcoming the Programme of Action of the United Nations Conference on Population and Development, 2/ held at Cairo, which called upon all countries to take full measures to eliminate all forms of exploitation, abuse, harassment and violence against women,

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1/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

2/ A/CONF.171/13, chap. I, resolution I, annex.

Noting the large numbers of women from developing countries and from some economies in transition who continue to venture forth to more affluent countries in search of a living for themselves and their families, as a consequence of poverty, unemployment and other socio-economic situations in their home countries, while acknowledging the primary duty of States to work for conditions that provide employment to their citizens,

Recognizing that it is the duty of sending countries to protect and promote the interests of their citizens who seek or receive employment in other countries, to provide them with appropriate training/education and to apprise them of their rights and obligations in the countries of employment,

Aware of the moral obligation of receiving or host countries to ensure the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons within their boundaries, including migrant workers, and in particular women migrant workers, who are doubly vulnerable because of their gender and their being foreigners,

Noting with concern the continuing reports of grave abuses and acts of violence committed against the persons of women migrant workers by some of their employers in some host countries,

Stressing that acts of violence directed against women impair or nullify the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Convinced of the need to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and the need to protect them from gender-based violence,

1. Expresses grave concern at the plight of women migrant workers who become victims of physical, mental and sexual harassment and abuse;

2. Recognizes with appreciation the efforts exerted by some receiving countries to alleviate the negative situation of women migrant workers;

3. Welcomes, in this context, the adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session of the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women; 3/

4. Welcomes measures to strengthen the human rights of women and the establishment of closer ties between the organs dealing with women's issues and rights in the United Nations, through a special programme of activities, as envisioned in the proposed revision to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

5. Calls upon all countries, particularly the sending and receiving States, to take concrete steps to ensure that the rights of women migrant workers are protected through the conduct of regular consultations for the purpose of identifying problem areas in promoting and protecting the rights of women migrant workers and in ensuring health and social services for them, adopting specific measures to address those problems, setting up appropriate

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3/ Resolution 48/104.

mechanisms to implement those measures, and, in general, creating conditions that foster greater harmony and tolerance between women migrant workers and the rest of the society in which they reside;

6. Also calls upon the countries concerned to take appropriate measures to ensure that law enforcement officials assist in guaranteeing the full protection of the rights of women migrant workers, consistent with international obligations of Member States;

7. Urges both sending and host countries to help ensure that women migrant workers are protected from unscrupulous recruitment practices, if needed, by the adoption of legal measures;

8. Encourages Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; 4/

9. Invites trade unions to support the realization of the rights of women migrant workers by assisting them in organizing themselves so as to enable them better to assert their rights;

10. Calls upon relevant bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to inform the Secretary-General of the extent of the problem and to recommend further measures to implement the purposes of the present resolution;

11. Requests treaty-monitoring bodies and calls upon non-governmental organizations concerned with violence against women to include, where appropriate, the situation of women migrant workers in their deliberations and findings and to supply relevant information to United Nations bodies and Governments;

12. Invites the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women to continue to include among the urgent issues pertaining to her mandate the violence perpetrated against women migrant workers;

13. Calls upon relevant intergovernmental bodies, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned, in cooperation with both the sending and the host countries, to conduct seminars and training programmes on human rights instruments, particularly those pertaining to migrant workers;

14. Invites all States to adopt, with the support of relevant non-governmental organizations, appropriate measures to provide support services to women migrant workers who have become traumatized as a consequence of violation of their rights by, inter alia, unscrupulous employers and/or recruiters, to provide resources for their physical and psychological rehabilitation and to facilitate their return to their countries of origin;

4/ Resolution 45/158, annex.

15. Invites the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to consider including in their respective programmes of action the subject of the traffic in women and girls, as well as youth;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution, including, in particular, on the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women.

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Myanmar, Panama, Philippines and Russian Federation: draft resolution

Traffic in women and girls

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 2/ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 3/ the International Covenants on Human Rights, 4/ the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 5/ the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 317 (IV), annex.

3/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

4/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

5/ Resolution 39/46, annex.

Families, 6/ and the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, 7/

Recalling that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 8/ affirmed the human rights of women and the girl child as an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights,

Aware of the illicit and clandestine movement of persons across national and international borders, largely from developing countries, with the end goal of putting women and girl children, who are forcibly recruited or inveigled through the use of duplicity, deceit or debt bondage, into sexually or economically oppressive and exploitative, and often life-threatening situations, for the profit or gain of recruiters, traffickers and pimps who are usually organized into syndicates,

Aware also of other illegal activities related to trafficking, such as domestic labour, false marriages, clandestine employment and false adoption,

Noting the increasing number of women, girls and youth from developing countries and from economies in transition who are being victimized by traffickers,

Recalling that Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/45 of 4 March 1994 calls for the elimination of trafficking in women for purposes of prostitution,

Convinced of the need to eliminate all forms of sexual violence, sexual exploitation and sexual trafficking, which are violations of the human rights of women and girl children,

Realizing the urgent need for the adoption of effective measures locally, regionally and internationally to protect women and girl children, as well as youth, from this nefarious traffic,

1. Expresses grave concern over the worsening problem of trafficking, particularly the increasing syndication of the sex trade and the internationalization of the traffic in women and girl children;

2. Welcomes the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 9/ held at Cairo, from 5 to 13 September 1994, which called on all Governments to prevent all international trafficking in migrants, especially for the purpose of prostitution, and for the adoption, by

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6/ Resolution 45/158, annex.

7/ Resolution 48/104.

8/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

9/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

Governments of both receiving countries and countries of origin, of effective sanctions against those who organize undocumented migration, exploit undocumented migrants or engage in trafficking in undocumented migrants, especially those who engage in any form of international traffic of women, youth and children;

3. Welcomes also the recommendation made by the Council of the European Union, addressed to its member States, to intensify regional efforts against the trafficking of human beings to work as prostitutes by enhancing police training on anti-trafficking legislation and police work in other countries, improving the collection and exchange of relevant information nationally, finding ways to expand awareness among diplomatic, consular and border officials of trafficking for prostitution so as to stem this traffic by examining visa requests, and strengthening the Council's work on trafficking for prostitution in terms of administrative, police and judicial cooperation, as well as understanding its migration elements;

4. Welcomes further the recommendation of the Council of Central American Ministers of the Interior, addressed to their respective Presidents, that trafficking in migrants be criminalized and prison terms meted out to those convicted of organizing, directing, promoting, supporting or carrying out clandestine movements of nationals or foreigners, and that the penalty be increased when the guilty party is a public official or employee;

5. Invites attention to a proposal by the Director of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, addressed to Governments in receiving countries, to adopt a policy which combines control and prevention, through (a) criminalization of migrant traffic and harmonization of their anti-trafficking legislation, especially in terms of penalties, and (b) cooperation between countries of origin and countries of destination to confront the causes underlying traffic, particularly the creation of immediate-impact job-creation measures;

6. Encourages Governments to make use of information regarding the volume of traffic of migrants, their motivations, routes taken, prices paid and other relevant information which may be gathered by social workers, police officers, immigration interviewers and others who come into direct contact with these migrants and traffickers, by organizing such information into a readily useful form to aid in the development of anti-trafficking measures, and to be exchanged with other Governments concerned;

7. Urges Governments to apply criminal sanctions for offences relating to the traffic in persons and slavery and to take all appropriate measures in order to ensure that the victims are exempted from prosecution and that protection, assistance, support, legal advice, treatment and rehabilitation are given to the victims, and that those victims who wish to prosecute their traffickers be granted permission for temporary residence;

8. Invites the Governments concerned, with the assistance of relevant United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations, as well as members of the civil society concerned, to set up reception centres for the victims of traffickers, to arrange for emergency maintenance, gather information on

individual cases for use by the competent authorities in determining possible refugee status, and to cooperate with one another in developing an international mechanism to set up a programme of rehabilitation and to assure the prompt return, in dignity and safety, of migrants who have been the victims of trafficking;

9. Calls upon all Governments to take appropriate measures to prevent economic activities, such as the development of tourism and the export of labour, from being exploited and misused by traffickers;

10. Urges all States to implement provisions relating to the traffic in persons, the exploitation of prostitution and slavery as contained in the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 2/ the Slavery Convention 10/ and all other relevant international instruments;

11. Calls upon all relevant bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to monitor the global traffic in women and girl children, as well as youth, and to gather pertinent data from both countries of origin and of destination regarding the numbers of persons involved in trafficking or cases of victimization by traffickers, existing statutes, regulations and policies relative to trafficking and the actors, whether private persons or Governments or organizations of States, as well as information on the causes and effects of trafficking;

12. Calls further upon all relevant bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to set up public information campaigns in countries affected by trafficking in order to create a better public awareness of the problem;

13. Recommends that the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women of the Commission on Human Rights and the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities pay special attention to cases of sexual exploitation and trafficking;

14. Invites the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace and the Ninth Congress on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders to consider including in their respective programmes of action the subject of the traffic in women and girls as well as youth;

15. Further recommends that possibilities be examined to establish a special working group to evaluate and recommend possible improvements in the existing international legal instruments concerning the elimination of all forms of traffic in women and girls, as well as youth;

10/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 212, p. 17.

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-eighth session and the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 1995, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session, on the implementation of the present resolution under the item entitled "Advancement of women".

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Myanmar, Panama, Philippines and Russian Federation: revised draft resolution

Traffic in women and girls

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its faith in human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 2/ the International Covenants on Human Rights, 3/ and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 4/

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

3/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

4/ Resolution 39/46, annex.

Recalling that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 5/ affirmed the human rights of women and the girl child as an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights,

Condemning the illicit and clandestine movement of persons across national and international borders, largely from developing countries and economies in transition, with the end goal of forcing women and girl children into sexually or economically oppressive and exploitative situations, for the profit of recruiters, traffickers and crime syndicates, as well as other illegal activities related to trafficking, such as domestic labour, false marriages, clandestine employment and false adoption,

Noting the increasing number of women, girls and youths from developing countries and from economies in transition who are being victimized by traffickers,

Acknowledging that the problem of trafficking also victimizes young boys,

Recalling that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1994/45 of 4 March 1994, 6/ calls for the elimination of trafficking in women for purposes of prostitution,

Aware of the decision of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in its resolution 3/2, 7/ to consider the international traffic in minors at its fourth session in the context of its discussion on the question of organized transnational crime,

Convinced of the need to eliminate all forms of sexual violence, sexual exploitation and sexual trafficking, which are violations of the human rights of women and girl children,

Realizing the urgent need for the adoption of effective measures nationally, regionally and internationally to protect women and girl children from this nefarious traffic,

1. Expresses grave concern over the worsening problem of trafficking, particularly the increasing syndication of the sex trade and the internationalization of the traffic in women and girl children;

2. Welcomes the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, 8/ held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994,

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5/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 4 (E/1994/24), chap. II, sect. E.

7/ Ibid., Supplement No. 11 (E/1994/31), chap. I, sect. C.

8/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

which called upon all Governments to prevent all international trafficking in migrants, especially for the purpose of prostitution, and for the adoption by Governments of both receiving countries and countries of origin, of effective sanctions against those who organize undocumented migration, exploit undocumented migrants or engage in trafficking in undocumented migrants, especially those who engage in any form of international traffic of women and girl children;

3. Encourages Governments, relevant bodies and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to gather and share information relative to all aspects of trafficking in women and girl children to facilitate the development of anti-trafficking measures;

4. Urges Governments to take appropriate measures to address the problem of trafficking in women and girl children and to ensure that the victims are provided with the necessary assistance, support, legal advice, protection, treatment and rehabilitation, and urges Governments to cooperate in this matter;

5. Calls upon all Governments to take appropriate measures to prevent economic activities, such as the development of tourism and the export of labour, from being exploited and misused by traffickers;

6. Encourages Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, 9/ the Slavery Convention 10/ and all other relevant international instruments;

7. Invites Governments concerned, relevant intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to adopt appropriate measures to create a better public awareness of the problem;

8. Draws the attention of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women and the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to the problem of trafficking of women and girl children;

9. Invites the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to consider including in their respective programmes of action the subject of the traffic in women and girl children;

10. Recommends that possibilities be examined to evaluate and, if need be, strengthen the existing international legal instruments concerning the elimination of all forms of traffic in women and girl children;

9/ Resolution 3-17 (IV), annex.

10/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 212, p. 17.

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item entitled "Advancement of women".

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Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Canada, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Turkey, Venezuela and Zambia: draft resolution

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 1 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also Article 8 of the Charter, which provides that the United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs,

Recalling further the relevant paragraphs of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 1/ especially paragraphs 79, 315, 356 and 358,

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1/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equity, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

Recalling the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies that have continued to focus on this area since the adoption of Assembly resolution 2715 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which the question of the employment of women in the Professional category was first addressed,

Concerned at the serious and continuing underrepresentation of women in the Secretariat, particularly at the higher decision-making levels,

Convinced that the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat could significantly enhance the effectiveness and credibility of the United Nations Organization, including its leadership role in advancing the status of women worldwide and in promoting the full participation of women in all aspects of decision-making,

Recalling the goal set in its resolutions 45/125 of 14 December 1990 and 45/239 C of 21 December 1990, which was reaffirmed in its resolutions 46/100 of 16 December 1991, 47/93 of 16 December 1992 and 48/106 of 20 December 1993, of a 35 per cent overall participation rate of women in posts subject to geographical distribution by 1995,

Noting with concern that the current rate of increase in the appointment of women may not be sufficient to achieve the objective of a 35 per cent participation rate of women in posts subject to geographical distribution by 1995,

Recalling the goal set in its resolution 45/239 C, which was reaffirmed in its resolutions 46/100, 47/93 and 48/106, of a 25 per cent participation rate of women in posts at the D-1 level and above by 1995,

Noting with disappointment that the participation rate of women in posts at the D-1 level and above remains unacceptably low, and well below the 25 per cent goal,

Noting the efforts made in the past year by the Secretary-General and the Office of Human Resources Management to integrate the objectives set by the General Assembly for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat into the overall strategy for the management of the Organization's human resources, and noting also that such a comprehensive approach will be conducive to enhancing the status of women in the Secretariat,

Recognizing the importance of providing equal employment opportunities for all staff,

Aware that a comprehensive policy aimed at preventing sexual harassment should be an integral part of personnel policy,

Commending the Secretary-General for his administrative instruction on procedures for dealing with cases of sexual harassment, 2/

2/ ST/AI/379.

Bearing in mind that a visible commitment by the Secretary-General is essential to the achievement of the targets set by the General Assembly,

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat; 3/

2. Takes note of the strategic plan of action for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (1995-2000) contained in the report, and the goals and objectives of the strategic plan as proposed by the Secretary-General;

3. Urges the Secretary-General to implement fully the strategic plan of action for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (1995-2000), noting that his visible commitment is essential to the achievement of the targets set by the General Assembly and the goals and objectives contained in the strategic plan;

4. Welcomes the Secretary-General's intention to ensure implementation of the strategic plan through, inter alia, the issuance of clear and specific instructions as to the authority and responsibility of all managers to implement the plan and the criteria by which performance will be appraised;

5. Urges the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and consistent with the strategic plan, to accord greater priority to the recruitment and promotion of women in posts subject to geographical distribution, particularly in senior policy-level and decision-making posts and within those parts of the United Nations system and its specialized agencies where representation of women is considerably below the average, in order to achieve the goals set in its resolutions 45/125 and 45/239 C of an overall participation rate of 35 per cent by 1995 and 25 per cent in posts at the D-1 level and above by 1995;

6. Also urges the Secretary-General to examine further existing work practices within the United Nations system with a view to increasing flexibility so as to remove direct or indirect discrimination against staff members with family responsibilities, including consideration of such issues as spouse employment, job-sharing, flexible working hours, child-care arrangements, career-break schemes and access to training;

7. Urges the Secretary-General to increase the number of women employed in the Secretariat from developing countries, particularly those which are unrepresented or underrepresented, and from other countries that have a low representation of women, including countries in transition;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that equal employment opportunities exist for all staff;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to enable, from within existing resources, the focal point for women within the Secretariat effectively to monitor and facilitate progress in the implementation of the strategic plan;

3/ A/49/587 and Corr.1.

10. Strongly encourages Member States to support the strategic plan and the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies to increase the percentage of women in Professional posts, especially at the D-1 level and above, by identifying and submitting more women candidates, encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and creating national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the Secretariat, specialized agencies and regional commissions;

11. Requests the Secretary-General further to develop comprehensive policy measures aimed at the prevention of sexual harassment in the Secretariat;

12. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that a progress report on the status of women in the Secretariat containing, inter alia, information on activities undertaken towards the achievement of the goals and objectives contained in the strategic plan and policy measures aimed at the prevention of sexual harassment in the Secretariat, is presented to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session, in accordance with the relevant rules on the delivery timetable for documentation, and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Singapore: amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.32

Capital punishment

Insert a new preambular paragraph after the last preambular paragraph, reading:

"Affirming the sovereign right of States to determine the legal measures and penalties which are appropriate in their societies to combat serious crimes effectively".

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Singapore: amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.32/Rev.1

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Replace the eighth preambular paragraph with the following:

"Affirming the sovereign right of States to determine the legal measures and penalties which are appropriate in their societies to combat serious crimes effectively".

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Egypt: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.32

Capital punishment

1. In the last preambular paragraph, replace the word "Convinced" with the word "Noting".

2. In operative paragraph 1, replace the words "Calls upon" with the word "Invites".

3. In operative paragraph 2, replace the word "Urges" with the word "Encourages".

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Egypt: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.32/Rev.1

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In operative paragraph 2, replace the word "Urges" with the word "Encourages".

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CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Guinea*: draft resolution

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/101 of 20 December 1993,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/21 of 25 July 1994,

Aware of the financial difficulties that the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders continues to face as a result of the fact that many States of the African region are in the category of least developed countries and therefore lack the necessary resources with which to support the Institute,

Conscious of the efforts made thus far by the Institute in fulfilling its mandate through, inter alia, the organization of training programmes and regional seminars, as well as the provision of advisory services,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

1/ A/49/712.

1. Commends the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for the activities it has undertaken, despite its difficulties in fulfilling its mandate, as reflected in the progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes; 2/

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments and intergovernmental bodies which have supported the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. Appeals to Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide financial and technical support to the Institute to enable it to fulfil its objectives, particularly those concerning training, technical assistance, policy guidance, research and data collection;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Institute is provided with adequate funds, within the overall appropriation of the programme budget and from extrabudgetary resources, and to submit proposals for any necessary additional funding of the Institute, in accordance with paragraph 32 of section II of General Assembly resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make proposals to provide additional resources to the Institute in the context of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

6. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue providing appropriate funds for the institutional strengthening of the Institute and the implementation of its programme of work, taking into account the difficult economic and financial situation faced by many countries in the African region;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up with all concerned on the implementation of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourth session.

2/ E/CN.15/1994/10 and Corr.1, paras. 71-84.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1995-1996

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 46/140 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly reaffirmed the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in its resolution 45/170 of 18 December 1990 and recommended further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to resolution 46/140.

2. The present document contains in annex I measures on the organization of work of the Third Committee and in annex II the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1995-1996. The draft programme has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Third Committee has taken action. The information in the annexes will be updated orally by the Secretariat when they are considered by the Committee.

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ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME-LIMITS OF STATEMENTS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991 on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations or on behalf of groups of delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 15 minutes. This time-limit will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. DRAFT PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. PROGRAMME OF WORK

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination a/

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination a/

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. Advancement of women

Item 7. International drug control

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 11. Human rights questions b/, c/

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

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a/ Items 2 and 3 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

b/ Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (d) are to be discussed jointly.

c/ Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (d), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below: d/

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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d/ References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation e/

World Summit for Social Development (1995)

Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year (1995)

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning

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e/ 1995 - Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development;

1996 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council;

1997 - Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development;

1998 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the International Year of Older Persons (1999) and related activities (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

National experience in promoting the cooperative movement (even years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family (1995; thereafter, biennially, if necessary)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

International Literacy Year (1995)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (1995)

Item 6. Advancement of women

Annual

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Fourth World Conference on Women (to 1995)

Violence against women migrant workers

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

National experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 7. International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

Measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (1995)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (1995)

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1997)

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

International measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (1995)

Protection of children affected by armed conflicts (1995)

Plight of street children (1995)

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even)

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Biennial

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Population (even years)

Item 11. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments of human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

Human rights and terrorism

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Year for Tolerance (1995 and 1996)

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (1995)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

Biennial

Summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Development of public information activities in the field of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee
for 1995-1996

1995 a/

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.3)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.77)

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a/ The programme of work and documentation for 1995 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1995.

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.8/Rev.1)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.6)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.7/Rev.1)

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family b/

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the final draft of the world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/24 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.9/Rev.1)

Interim report on the world social situation c/

Report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress made and problems encountered in the quest to achieve a literate world (resolution 46/93) c/

Report of the World Summit for Social Development (General Assembly resolution 47/92)

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 47/237)

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b/ Interim report on the world social situation and the report of the Commission on Social Development.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on progress of efforts to ensure the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion of people with disabilities within the various bodies of the United Nations system (resolution 48/95)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (resolution 48/96)

Report of the Secretary-General on a draft programme for the preparations and observance of the International Year of the Elderly (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/22 and resolution 48/98)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.75)

Item 6. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 48/105 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.67)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (resolution 48/109) c/

Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Economic and Social Council decision 1992/272 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.65)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.64)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and on the integration of older women in development (draft resolutions A/C.3/49/L.65 and L.66)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.65)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.70)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.71) c/

Item 7. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in Assembly resolution 48/12

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (resolutions S-17/2, annex, 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, including agency-specific implementation plans (resolutions 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.17/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.18/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.19)

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on protection of children in armed conflicts (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.21/Rev.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.22)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Plight of street children (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.24)

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (resolution 48/163 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.26/Rev.1)

Item 11. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI)) c/

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.29)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (resolution 48/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.28)

Report of the Secretary-General on the meeting of persons chairing treaty bodies (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.31/Rev.1)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.37)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (resolution 48/134)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 48/139)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.34)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.38)

Report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of terrorism (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.40)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.49)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (resolution 48/131 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.51/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.56)

Report of the Secretary-General on a programme within the United Nations on strengthening the rule of law (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.59/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.60)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Internally displaced persons (resolution 48/135)

Human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 48/137)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (resolution 48/140)

United Nations Year for Tolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.20)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.39/Rev.1)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.43)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat in assisting the Cambodian Government and people in the promotion and protection of human rights and the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.45)

Report of the Secretary-General on rape and abuse of women in the areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.61)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.42/Rev.1)

Situation of human rights in the Sudan (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.44)

Situation of human rights in Cuba (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.46)

Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Haiti (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.48)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.52)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.53)

Situation of human rights in Kosovo (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.58)

Situation of human rights in Rwanda (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.62)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.63)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including the information requested in draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.55 c/ (see item 11 (b) above)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Increased coordination in the field of human rights within the United Nations system (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.36/Rev.1)

1996

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX) and A/C.3/49/L.2)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.12)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and on the working methods of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124 and draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.68)

Item 7. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.13/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV) c/

Item 8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.15)

Item 9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (resolution 44/25, annex) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.23)

Item 10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.25)

Item 11. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (resolution 2200 A (XXI)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151)

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (draft resolution A/C.3/49/L.30)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141) c/

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ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Benin, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, Honduras, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Turkey: draft resolution

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, 1/

1. Expresses its full support for the work of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

2. Urges Member States to earmark funds specially for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur within the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, without further delay, to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary additional human and financial assistance in carrying out his mandate and enabling him to submit in a timely manner an interim report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination".

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CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Albania, Algeria, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, India, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen: draft resolution

Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and the promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recalling its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which it affirmed that United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders should be held every five years to provide a forum for the exchange of views between States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines, the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recalling also its resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to undertake all necessary steps to ensure the adequate organization of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993,

Recognizing the important contribution made to the preparation for the Ninth Congress by the five regional preparatory meetings for the Congress, and the recommendations emanated therefrom, as reflected in the reports on those meetings, 1/

Welcoming the recommendations made by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its third session on the organizational and substantive preparations for the Ninth Congress, as reflected in its report, 2/ and in Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19 of 25 July 1994,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General 3/ on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 of the progress made so far in the preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

2. Approves the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/19, and requests the Secretary-General to translate them into action;

3. Takes note of the note verbale dated 1 December 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Vienna;

4. Accepts with gratitude the generous invitation of the Government of Egypt to act as a host for the Ninth Congress, to be held at Cairo;

5. Decides to hold the Ninth Congress at Cairo from 24 April to 5 May 1995, with pre-Congress consultations on 22 and 23 April 1995;

6. Expresses the hope that the Ninth Congress will make a major contribution to the solution of problems related to crime prevention and criminal justice;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Ninth Congress are adequate for the outcome of the Congress, and to provide the required resources for that purpose, based on a statement of financial implications in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19 and to the present resolution;

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8. Reiterates its invitation to Governments to participate actively in the preparations of the Ninth Congress, particularly through the submission of national position papers on different agenda items, the establishment, as appropriate, of national committees and focal points, the encouragement of contributions from the academic community and relevant scientific institutions and the participation at the Congress of national correspondents in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

9. Calls upon the specialized agencies, concerned United Nations bodies, regional institutes and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the Ninth Congress and to give the necessary attention and priority to national, regional and international measures aimed at preventing crime and improving the quality of the administration of justice;

10. Decides that the theme for the Ninth Congress shall be "Less crime, more justice: security for all";

11. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate the broader participation of developing countries, within available resources and by exploring the possibility of obtaining contributions for this purpose from all sources available, including governmental, intergovernmental and relevant non-governmental donors, and to continue with the past practice of providing the necessary resources for the travel and per diem of participants from least developed countries in accordance with paragraph 13 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32, and of inviting twenty consultants to participate in the Ninth Congress at the expense of the United Nations, in accordance with paragraph 13 (f) of the same resolution;

12. Calls upon the Ninth Congress to formulate concrete recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the United Nations activities and mechanisms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account the recommendations made by the regional preparatory meetings and paying particular attention to the operational activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

13. Invites the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to give priority attention at its fourth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress and to provide appropriate guidance on actions needed to give effect to them;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the report of the Ninth Congress, together with his views on the implementation of its conclusions and recommendations;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

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CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Austria, Bahamas, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine: draft resolution

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the direct relevance of crime prevention and criminal justice to sustained development, stability, security and improved quality of life,

Bearing in mind, the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recognizing the urgent need to increase technical cooperation activities to assist countries, particularly developing countries and countries in transition, with their efforts in translating United Nations policy guidelines into practice, including training and upgrading of national capacities,

Stressing the urgent need to improve regional, interregional and international cooperation and coordination of activities aimed at combating crime in its multifaceted aspects,

Noting the continued increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, as well as the considerable obstacles to the full and effective implementation of its programme activities, resulting from the lack of appropriate institutional capacity,

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Convinced that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch can be effective only if it is provided with resources commensurate to its requirements and adequate to allow it to implement its mandates and to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the increasing requests of Member States for its services,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/11 of 21 May 1986, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to look critically at the existing structure and level of management of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, with a view to strengthening its capacity and status commensurate to its responsibility,

Recalling also its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in which the Assembly approved the statement of principles of programme of action annexed to the resolution, in which it was recommended to the Secretary-General that an upgrading of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat into a division should be effected as soon as possible,

Recalling further its resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which it reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to strengthen the crime prevention and criminal justice programme and to upgrade, as a matter of urgency, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat to a division,

Recalling its relevant resolutions as well as the decisions of the Economic and Social Council, which accorded a high level of priority to the activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and requested an appropriate share of the overall resources of the United Nations for the programme,

Concerned about the fact that, despite the repeated calls by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to a division, action has not been taken to give effect to Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 of 16 December 1992 and 48/103, and Council resolutions 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, 1993/31 and 1993/34 of 27 July 1993, and 1994/16 of 25 July 1994,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103, 1/

1. Welcomes with appreciation Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/15 of 25 July 1994, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme";

2. Reaffirms the importance of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the crucial role it has to play in promoting

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international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, in responding to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality and in assisting Member States to achieve the goals of preventing crime within and among States and improving the response to crime;

3. Also reaffirms the priority attached to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in accordance with its resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103, and the need for an appropriate share of the existing resources of the United Nations for the programme;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22, 1993/31, 1993/34 and 1994/16 by providing the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme with sufficient resources for the full implementation of its mandates, in conformity with the high priority attached to the programme;

5. Recognizes that operational activities and technical assistance should continue to receive priority attention among United Nations activities in crime prevention and criminal justice;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate funds to build and maintain the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to respond to requests of Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, if necessary through the reallocation of resources;

7. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division, in accordance with resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and taking fully into account paragraphs 2 and 11 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/16;

8. Welcomes the appointment of two interregional advisers in crime prevention and criminal justice, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that their activities are regularly supported by adequate human and financial resources so as to be able to respond effectively to requests by Member States for advisory services;

9. Calls upon all States and funding agencies to make significant financial contributions for operational activities for crime prevention and criminal justice, and encourages all States to make voluntary contributions for that purpose to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Trust Fund, taking into account the activities required for the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and the Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate, as appropriate, the creation of joint initiatives and joint formulation and implementation of technical assistance projects, benefiting developing countries and countries in transition, involving interested donor countries and funding agencies, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, with a

view to establishing and maintaining efficient criminal justice systems as an essential component of all developmental efforts;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General further to strengthen cooperation between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to assist the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the principal policy-making body in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, to perform its functions and to ensure the proper coordination of all relevant activities in the field, in particular with the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

13. Welcomes the programme's participation in and contribution to the work of peace-keeping operations in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22, and requests the Secretary-General to continue developing basic courses on United Nations norms and guidelines in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, which can be used, as necessary, for training peace-keeping and emergency mission personnel and, upon the request of Member States, their national counterparts, as called for in Council resolution 1993/34;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.